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Title

IRRIGATION PROBE FOR ABLATION DURING OPEN HEART

SURGERY

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Examiner

Cris Loiren Rodriguez

Docket No.

: 34063/AW/W112

COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Commissioner:

Reasons for allowance are only warranted in instances in which the record of the prosecution as a whole does not make clear his or her reasons for allowing a claim or claims. In the present case, Applicant believes the record as a whole does make the reasons for allowance clear and therefore no statement by the Examiner is necessary or warranted. Furthermore, Applicant does not necessarily agree with each statement in the reasons for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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